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ANNUAL REPORT**

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Note:

*Reverend Art Verrall will be retiring in September of 1992 after 17 years of ministry with Wesley.
Margaret Kowalski and Reverend Bill MacKinnon were brought in to expand the Director of Services position in January 1992 to allow for transition time.*

Executive Director's Report

Most of the people we are in ministry with share a bond. They are living on the margins of society.

We see:

- * some are older people who are alone and lonely
- * some have developed addictions
- * some have mental illness
- * young families desperate to survive in an economic and social climate that is crushing
- * teens who are victims of all kinds of abuse and have turned their backs on society as a means of survival
- * newcomers to our country, many who have experienced lifetimes of repression and even torture who now must face endless bureaucracy and racism
- * children who are already rejects of society. They are the seven, eight or nine year olds who nobody wants. They seem to have no reason to hope for a good life.

One hundred and seven families were served in one day through our no charge food and clothing stores. Two years ago we served on average 80 - 100 families per month

If we view society as a circle, these people and the thousands of others we see are certainly existing on the margins, on the outer edge.

It is a place of a great deal of human despair. A place of pain and anger.

So what is our role?

Are we willing to open our eyes to the margins? We must challenge ourselves and each other to join with those on the margins, to each use our own unique gifts, our hearts, our hands, our minds, our faith and love, to blast away the barriers of the margins and invite all into the circle.

The gifts of those on the margins are also great. We need them to strengthen the circle, to make each of us whole.

We ask each and every one of you to join with us in these struggles in whatever way you are able, with whatever gifts God has blessed you with.

Only if we all work together in the margins, to eliminate the need for margins, will we strengthen the whole of our communities,

Birgitt Bolton

celebrating... struggling... surviving Making a difference... together.

With needs increasing in all of our ministries at a pace quicker than increases in funding, volunteers have become more important than ever. Thanks to Charlie Scott our Volunteer "Volunteer Coordinator" and so many within the Wesley Family who answered our call for help. Each ministry has a larger contingent of volunteers than ever before.

In March, Wesley Urban Ministries' proposal to provide a social skills activity program for children ages 5-12 was approved for partial funding through the United Way Demonstration and Development fund. The program is for children who are behaviorally challenging. All of the children live in poverty, many have suffered abuse. They all deserve at least hope for a happy future. Additional funding is essential.

Wesley Urban Ministries was requested to carry out Settlement services for newcomers to Canada by the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission. The nine month contract has helped our ministry better understand the incredible barriers placed in the way of people who come to our country. The funder's parameters of not serving refugee claimants has been a constant struggle as we strive to hold true to our guiding principle of never turning anyone away.

Lack of affordable, quality housing continues to be a reality for so many people who find their way to our Ministries. Although we celebrate our recent approval of 73 units of housing for single persons, we realize they may not be available quickly enough to help some of the people we serve who are caught on the streets.

Because of great need, Greater Hamilton Foodshare, of which Wesley Urban Ministries is a member agency, was forced to conduct two food drives, rather than the traditional one. Although both were reasonably successful, all of the agencies involved continue to experience shortages in their meal and grocery programs.

In October, Wesley Urban Ministries, in partnership with the Economic Justice Committee of Hamilton Conference lead the first leaders training program for the Promise the Children child poverty study program. We continue towards our vision of justice for children.

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The Year in Review... continued

Wesley Urban Ministries continues to move towards our goal of providing a Community Health Centre. Although the feasibility study has now been compiled, it is frustrating to wait while vital needs go largely unmet. The number one leading indicator of poor health in Ontario is income!

In June the Dofasco Male Chorus put on a terrific concert to raise funds for our Ministry. Thanks to Centenary United Church who hosted the event, the many U.C.W. groups who sold tickets coordinated by Jean Lethbridge, and of course, special thanks to the Chorus members lead by Geoff Beulivant. Together we were able to raise over \$4000.00.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services, primary funders of our Street Youth Program, through their childrens stream of funding, lowered the age limit of young people we could serve from 24 years to 21 years of age to reflect childrens funding guidelines. Our experience suggests that the 21 - 24 years of age period may be the best opportunity to work with a young person who may finally have moved far enough away from whatever drove them to the streets. We continue to work with the Ministry of Community and Social Services and other partners to find other ways to work with these young people.

As has become the norm over the last few years our Emergency Services again were required by a rapidly increasing number of people.

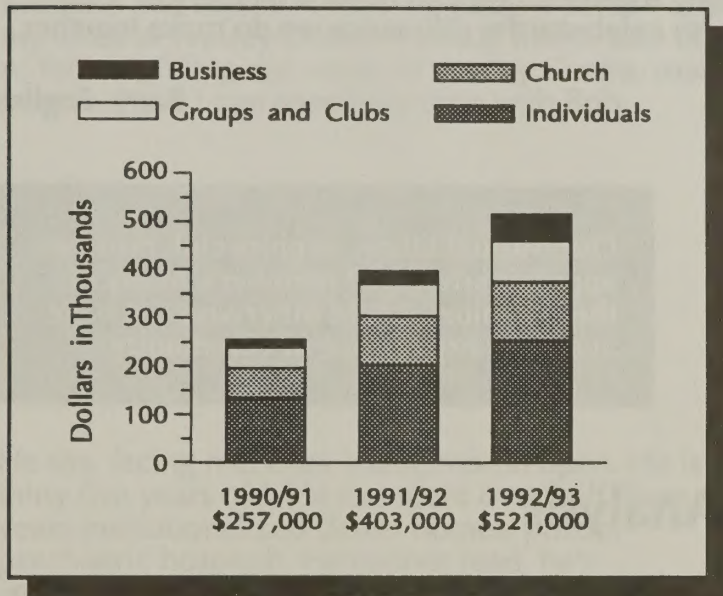
Wesley Urban Ministries played a lead role in organizing a rally in Gore Park in support of people living in poverty. Held on Ash Wednesday, the intent was to remind the provincial government of their obligation to be in partnership with the poor.

The Community who utilizes Kirkendall-Strathcona Neighbourhood House, in partnership with Wesley staff, launched a successful lobbying campaign for municipal and regional funding to help keep some of the vital seniors' programs alive. Sadly all childrens programs in the centre were cut due to lack of funding.

1991-1992

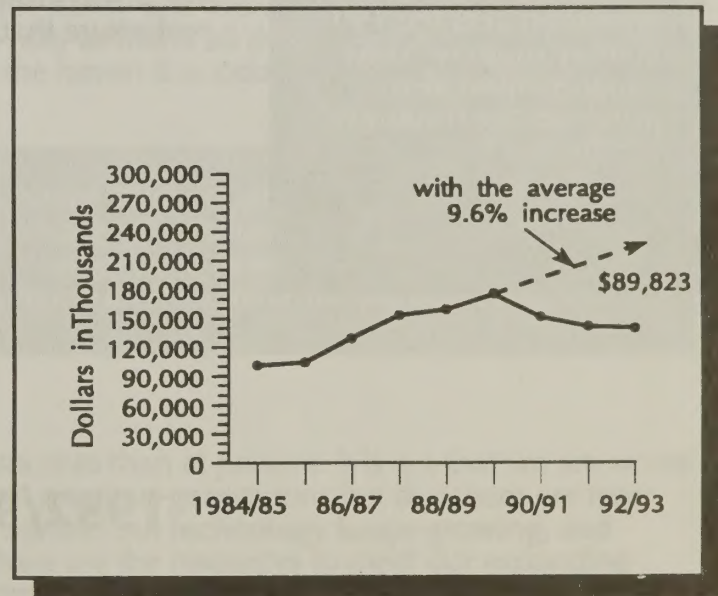
Resource Development

An overview of three years of fund raising growth



Misssion Strategy & Support Analysis

The cuts to our core United Church Mission Strategy and Support grant have been a major contributor to our deficit position.



As you can see from the above charts, voluntary donations to Wesley Urban Ministries from all of our partners have increased substantially in the past few years. (With the exception of Mission and Strategy funding).

This should be cause for great celebration. It is; yet that celebration is tempered with the realization that in many ways we are in more of a struggle than in previous years. The need in each of our ministries has risen at a pace more rapid than the increase in donations.

Our core Mission and Strategy and Support grant continues to fall, creating an approximate \$90,000 shortfall. We continue to struggle without provincial government support for our basic emergency services. In better economic times, when the need was less, the provincial government was a 50% partner in our emergency services. If policy had not changed, the Emergency Services grant would now be approximately \$70,000.

The Wesley Centre drop-in program with services such as hot lunches, soup, showers and laundry facilities now serve on average 225 persons each day.

Resource Development Report... continued

Over 40 different congregations took part in our Sunday program in 1991/92. They provided and served on average 190 Sunday suppers. Most congregations also provided the resources for the Sunday Worship service.

It's easy to allow reality to get in the way of our need to celebrate.

Donations of money, gifts and time have all increased. More people than ever before are aware of the need to become involved in the struggle for social justice.

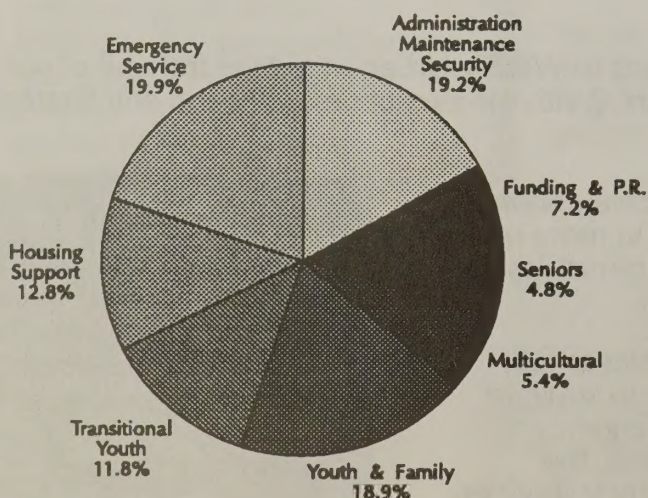
We always finish with "Together... we can make a difference." Lets make sure that we also celebrate the difference we do make together.

Barry English

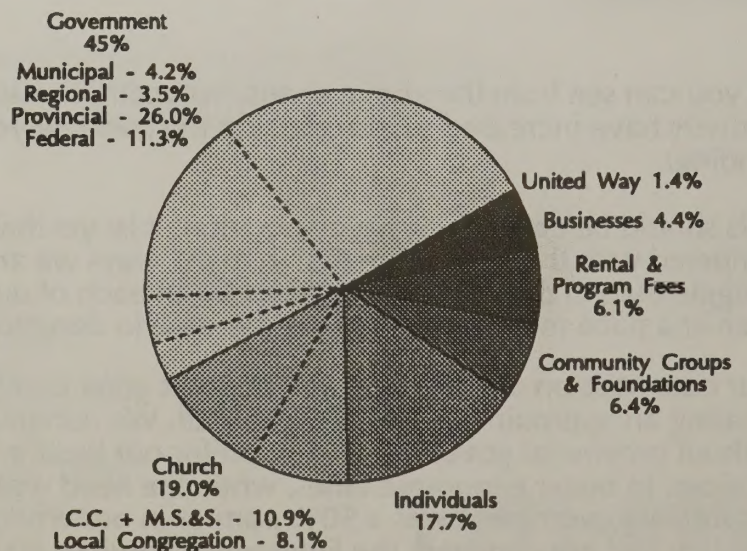
Our Mutual Ethnic Seniors club now has approximately 400 members. Many of these Seniors would otherwise not have access to experience of community.

1992/93 Analysis

Expenditures



Revenue



Based on a budget of \$1,430,963.00

A History of Ministry

At the end of September, my life will enter a new phase. Retirement. My years at Wesley Centre have seen many changes. Three buildings, four directors. Many of the old faces have gone. There are more younger people using the facilities. During my years at Wesley, I have visited people who had no one to visit them when they were sick, I have gone to the hospital night after night to see that our clients are fed and had bed clothing instead of hospital gowns. If lucky to get released I saw to it that they had a place to live. Sometimes it had to be second level lodging homes or retirement homes. I visit these people regularly because they have no one. For regulars from Wesley, with no family, who have passed away, funeral arrangements have had to be made. At one man's funeral, there was only the minister, my husband and myself. Those are times a person appreciates family and friends something I tried to do with my work at Wesley Centre. I would like to take the time now to thank all the volunteers who have been so faithful, filling our needs at Wesley Centre, making it the haven it is today for so many unfortunate people. Now I can spend my time with Bob.

Joan Moffitt

Over 5000 people found their way to our no charge Christmas Store in need of food, used clothing and new gifts. This was once again a large increase over the previous year.

He sits, facing me, eyes blank, mouth open. He is thirty five years old. He has spent over half those years institutionalized (foster homes, prison, psychiatric hospital). He cannot read, he's awkward with people. He has no close friends or family, living a solitary existence, dependant on social assistance. His future is just a matter of growing older and weaker, (at present five daily medications), twenty five more years on disability until he moves to old age security. Not a hopeful forecast, but certainly, unless we can stop the slide. "For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away." (Matthew 13)

The Bruce Trail meanders through the region on its way to the Bruce Peninsula. Walking it reminds us that life is primarily a journey of experience, not a race to win. At this point in my life I do not believe we can eliminate poverty. I do believe we are working towards a more equitable, integrated world of social justice. We are beginning to realize we are impoverishing creation; that the future cannot mean, for example, the right of everyone to have a car. When I was a child the word "exploit" meant "heroic act". Now it is more likely to suggest "make use of; basely for ones own advantage."

Future generations will need to learn how to live effectively, creatively, humanly with far fewer

resources than at present. It is not that we are worse than previous generations but that there are more of us, and our technology keeps growing; and where are the resources to meet our expanding "needs" are coming from? and at what cost to our inheritance? When he comes to sit in the chair across from me, I catch myself watching him, and asking myself what could possibly transform his life to reflect more of God's intention? What changes would have to occur to enable this to happen?

This year is the five hundredth anniversary of the voyage of Columbus. Since then we have transformed our world. We are also moving rapidly to the end of the second millennium with a massive range of problems facing our globe. Are they beyond our resources to deal with? Can we do nothing more than ease our young man toward early oblivion? Small drama, small stage, crucial performances, nothing more important to enlist us. Being poor means having to depend on the support of others. That defines everyone. Poverty may save us from destruction by helping us recognize our interdependence. Remember, we are not in a race but on a journey. From off stage I say "thank you", and "the best is yet to come".

Rev. Art Verrall

Audited Financial Statement

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Wesley Urban Ministries Inc.

We have audited the consolidated balance sheet of Wesley Urban Ministries Inc. as at March 31, 1992 and the consolidated statements of revenue and expenses and deficit for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the organization derives revenue from donations and fundraising contributions the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenues and fundraising contributions, excess of (expenses) for the year, assets and deficit.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 1992 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada
June 24, 1992

MacGillivray Partners

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Audited Financial Statement... continued

WESLEY URBAN MINISTRIES INC.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

MARCH 31, 1992

A S S E T S

	1992	1991 (note 7)
CURRENT		
Accounts receivable	\$ 63,013	\$ 136,244
Accounts receivable - Non-Profit Housing	64,184	20,801
Prepaid expenses	12,319	6,576
	<u>139,516</u>	<u>163,621</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Cost	648,776	652,662
Less funds provided from grants and other sources	<u>392,303</u>	<u>392,303</u>
	<u>256,473</u>	<u>260,359</u>
	<u>\$ 395,989</u>	<u>\$ 423,980</u>

L I A B I L I T I E S

CURRENT		
Bank loan (note 2)	\$ 200,000	\$ 198,000
Bank overdraft	39,847	56,504
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	42,178	48,453
Deferred revenue - grants	45,913	35,750
Loan - Fred Victor Mission (note 3)	100,000	
	<u>427,938</u>	<u>338,707</u>
LONG-TERM		
Mortgage - Royal Bank (note 3)	118,044	121,000
Loan - Fred Victor Mission		100,000
Loan - Ontario Self Help Homes Inc. (note 3)	15,000	15,000
	<u>133,044</u>	<u>236,000</u>

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (notes 4 and 6)

D E F I C I T

DEFICIT	(164,993)	(150,727)
	<u>\$ 395,989</u>	<u>\$ 423,980</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

See accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF DEFICIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1992

	1992	1991
DEFICIT - Beginning of year		
As previously reported	\$ (122,227)	\$ (30,146)
Prior period adjustment (note 7)	(28,500)	
As restated	(150,727)	(30,146)
Excess of expenses for the year	(14,266)	(120,581)
DEFICIT - End of year	<u>\$ (164,993)</u>	<u>\$ (150,727)</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1992

REVENUE	1992	1991 (note 7)
Church		
Block grant, Division of Mission	\$ 142,500	\$ 151,730
Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council		11,500
Local churches	101,897	60,777
Individuals	202,182	133,559
Offerings		899
Grants		
City of Hamilton	71,000	51,000
Region of Hamilton-Wentworth	73,213	129,882
Government of Canada	106,537	69,018
Government of Ontario	440,591	432,984
Rental income	34,596	32,154
Fees for services		
Program services	40	3,099
Community		
Corporate donations	10,196	10,680
Groups and individuals	92,067	48,291
Interest and investment		2,605
Conference Capital funds		25,000
Special events	3,624	2,484
Miscellaneous		2,807
Other income		9,668
	<u>1,278,443</u>	<u>1,178,137</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	918,570	890,340
Staff and board development	21,187	6,800
Supplies for programs	65,761	61,572
Office supplies	6,839	21,131
Utilities	38,724	33,900
Telephone	18,117	22,859
Realty taxes	908	1,542
Maintenance, supplies and janitorial	36,035	37,729
Building and property	22,479	75,911
Property lease	21,691	23,282
Insurance	6,273	11,263
Travel and van	15,197	33,911
Professional fees	22,136	12,445
Interest and bank charges	18,184	21,282
Fund raising	45,165	31,822
Miscellaneous	15,443	12,929
Provision for decline in value of property	20,000	
	<u>1,292,709</u>	<u>1,298,718</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ (14,266)	\$ (120,581)

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1992

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Consolidation

The organization is the beneficial owner of 925527 Ontario Inc. and 892851 Ontario Inc., the accounts of which have been consolidated with those of the organization.

(b) Basis of Accounting

Revenues and expenses are accounted for on the accrual basis.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Grants received to offset specific project costs are recognized as revenue to the extent of the costs incurred. The excess of grants received over costs to date is treated as deferred revenue.

(d) Capital Assets

The accumulated costs of capital assets, including land and building are recorded at the lower of cost, including net incidental operating costs, and net realizable value.

Net incidental costs, associated with two properties have been capitalized during the year in the amount of \$ 16,100 (1991 - \$ 10,400).

Administrative equipment and furniture are expensed when purchased.

(e) Donated Services and Supplies

Donated services and supplies are not recorded in these financial statements.

2. BANK LOAN

The bank loan is secured by a general security agreement.

3. LOANS

The mortgage loan payable to the Royal Bank is secured by the property to which it relates. Interest at the rate of prime + 3/4% is payable monthly. There are no fixed repayment terms for the principal amount.

The loan from Fred Victor Mission is secured by the property to which it relates. Interest at the rate of 12% is payable monthly. The principal was due in full on May 28, 1992, but has been extended for a further six months.

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MARCH 31, 1992

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3. LOANS (continued)

The loan from Ontario Self-Help Homes Inc. bears interest at the rate of 9% per annum. There are no fixed repayment terms for the principal amount.

4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During 1981, the corporation guaranteed a mortgage in favour of the City of Hamilton on behalf of the trustees of Zion United Church. The mortgage principal is being forgiven at a rate of \$ 41.05 a day beginning January 1, 1982 through the 25 year life of the mortgage by the provision of community services to be rendered by Wesley Urban Ministries. The unforgiven balance at the end of the year approximates \$ 221,000. The mortgage has no provision for interest on the unforgiven balance.

5. MINISTRY OF HOUSING PROJECT

Wesley Urban Ministries Inc. has been approved as a sponsor for a non-profit housing project. Under this arrangement, Wesley Urban Ministries is the registered owner of the project as well as the registered mortgagor.

All revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of this project are essentially the responsibility of the Ministry of Housing for the Province of Ontario, and accordingly are not included in these financial statements.

6. COMMITMENTS

The organization has entered into several lease agreements for property and office equipment with the following minimum payments required:

1993	\$	31,000
1994		5,000
1995		2,000
1996		1,000

7. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During 1991, a grant in the amount of \$ 28,500 was received by Wesley Urban Ministries and recorded as revenue. It has since been discovered that this grant was received by Wesley Urban Ministries in its capacity as a sponsor for another organization, and accordingly should not have been recorded as revenue. The funds in question have been transferred to the other organization. The 1991 comparative figures for grants from the Government of Canada and accounts payable have been adjusted to reflect this change.

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Our Work and Our Faith

A Belief in Justice

What does it profit my bretheren if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food and one of you says to them "Go in peace be warmed and filled" without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.

James Chapter 2, verses 14-17

Housing

- * 28 Units of "affordable" quality housing for single men and women, many would otherwise be homeless
- * staff resources for tenants so they may improve lifestyle and remedy housing difficulties

Transitional Youth

- * recreation facilities
- * counselling and role modelling
- * peer counselling
- * referrals
- * special interest events and workshops
- * seconded services
 - substance abuse counselling
 - health services
 - job listings

Seniors

- * mutual ethnic seniors club
- * advocacy
- * friendly visits
- * information and referral services

Emergency Services

- * no charge food and clothing stores
- * hot meals, soup, tea, coffee
- * personal hygiene facilities
- * advocacy
- * financial assistance
- * spiritual (Sunday Chapel)
- * Christmas Store

The work of Wesley Urban Ministries

Multicultural Unit

- * individual advocacy
- * settlement service (on a temporary basis)
- * income tax clinics
- * special interest workshops
- * links to self-help community groups

Youth and Family

- * teen drop in program
- * toy lending library
- * family resource centre
- * special interest workshops
- * summer camp
- * P.D. day programs
- * after school childrens' program

Our Work and Our Faith... continued

Our non-profit housing program now has 28 units with the addition of 127 Rebecca Street and 66 Mary Street. Our waiting list continues to grow.

Our "work" is carried out in three different community centres

Wesley Centre	129 Rebecca St.
Kirkendall-Strathcona Neighbourhood House	210 Napier St.
Victoria Park Community Centre	155 Queen St. N.

as well as in 8 houses throughout the downtown community.

The direct services are supported by an administration unit at 75 Mary Street.

Our Faith in Social Justice

The totality of our Wesley Ministries cannot end with "reacting" to needs. We need to work with all of our partners to address the fundamental problems that create and sustain poverty.

Justice Begins with Education

Our Child Poverty Study program, "Promise the Children" continues to have a profound impact in helping people better understand the human and financial cost of allowing poverty to perpetuate. Through understanding, comes caring, from caring comes action, from action comes justice.

Justice Emerges from Open Dialogue

Through over 100 worship services, community presentations, child poverty study programs and other workshops, we have been in dialogue with thousands of individuals. Many of these people continue discussions amongst themselves and with others. The circle of caring widens, the number of people committed to action grows and justice is allowed to emerge.

Justice Requires Movement by Government

Wesley Urban Ministries, networking with many community action groups, is in constant contact with all four levels of government. Through activities such as our foodbank presentation at Queen's Park, participation in the I.S.A.R.C. hearings, and a lead role in the Community Rally in support of People living in Poverty, we continue to remind government of their responsibility to deal with the issues that perpetuate poverty.

Through our shared work and with our faith, Justice does emerge.

Together... we do make a difference.

Our teen club at Victoria Park community centre provides a place to belong for about fifty teens per night. Most of these teens are caught in poverty, some suffer abuse, many are newcomers to Canada with the added burden of trying to adapt to a new way of life. If they cannot belong somewhere positive like the community centre they are prime candidates for membership in Street Gangs.

Chairperson's Report

We are in a time of transition. Our society as a whole and all of its institutions are coming to grips with the new reality of finite resources. In 1991/92, continuing recession brought challenge and change to Wesley Urban Ministries, cause for concern and cause for celebration.

The specifics of our many and varied ministries are dealt with elsewhere in this report. Significant new services were undertaken with new program-specific funding. Existing emergency services had to be expanded, despite actual decreases in funding to meet a recession induced upsurge in the numbers of men, women and children turning to Wesley for food, clothing and sanctuary. In yet other areas, staff and program cuts were necessary in order to hold Wesley's overall operating deficit to a still worrisome \$160,000.

The good news and cause for celebration has been the strong response of the local community. Our voluntary donation support, 40% of our \$1,300,000 revenue, was up 57% over the previous year. Even more important, the support base has broadened as other church denominations add significantly to the core support provided by United Church congregations and members, and as the general public, the business community, clubs, foundations and other organizations become partners in the work. Wesley has clearly come of age as a respected, broadly based agency addressing the issue of poverty and barriers of language and culture in our community.

Much has been accomplished under extremely difficult circumstances thanks to a high level of commitment on the part of many people. I would single out in particular the Wesley staff, reduced in numbers, who have at every turn done so much more with so much less. The hundreds of volunteers who fill many and varied roles have responded in like manner. Special recognition and thanks are due Ian Gordon and Ross Robinson who have stepped down after many years of dedicated service on the Board of Directors. And we could not have survived without the upsurge in financial and other support from the community at large. ***Together we have made a difference.***

A significant and very intentional new balance is emerging in Wesley's approach to its overall mandate. Even as we cope with greater than ever immediate needs that must be met here and now, we are devoting more time and energy to EDUCATION and ADVOCACY to get at the root causes of the barriers of poverty, abuse, language, or culture so many in our midst face each day. A "Child Poverty Study Program" developed by Wesley has been a particularly effective vehicle for helping our various support constituencies better understand the issues, be more supportive of the necessary social changers. In addition, advocacy work by Wesley or in "networking" consort with other agencies, presents to governments the need for specific changes based on our hands on daily experience. Here enhanced understanding begets political will, the other side of the equation in bringing about a more just society.

As this annual report goes to press we have just received news of Wesley's success in securing a Ministry of housing allocation for 73 housing units. This long awaited Good News gives us an unexcelled window of opportunity to position our ministry for the future, to develop an urban core site that will include new, badly needed Wesley Centre facilities as well as the abilities to provide homes, also badly needed, for 73 people who currently access our services. With a challenging year behind us we move forward to new challenges with the help of all of you with whom we share this ministry.

Bob Harwood

Wesley Urban Ministries staff lead or participated in worship services in 37 different congregations in 1991/92. Raising awareness of the people and issues of poverty is a very large part of our Ministry.

Wesley Urban Ministries Vision Statement

Our core belief is that all of us in society have responsibilities for Social Justice.

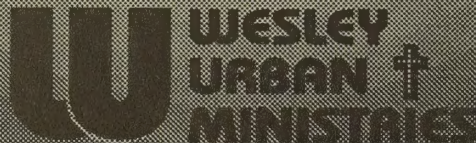
We seek to live that belief by learning from those who know poverty from personal experience so we can respond with insight and sensitivity to give sanctuary ... build trust ... and offer hope for a new beginning.

To do so, we must go beyond meeting human needs today by offering a resource for the fulfilment of human potential through involvement in the community.

As we provide those services today for justice in the future we seek to be a catalyst for social transformation by sharing our vision and commitment with others.

Through this practical expression of spiritual faith and faith in people we also seek to meet the personal needs of United Church members our volunteers and staff and supporters throughout the community

... the need to make a difference together.



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